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GENAVA FOR INCB MS. GOUGH

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SUBJECT: MEO (HMONG) POPULATION FIGURES FOR THE LPDR

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1. ESTIMATES OF THE MEO (HMONG) POPULATION IN LSOS, REQUESTED REF A, VARY WIDELY. THE EMBASSY IN ITS 1976 POST REPORT ESTIMATED THAT THE MEO-YAO POPULATION COM-
PRISED FIFTEEN PERCENT OF THE TOTAL LAO POPULATION, WHICH THE EMBASSY THEN ESTIMATED AT 3,335,000. SINCE THAT REPORT, HOWEVER, THE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED INFOR-
MATION FROM UN SOURCES (REF B) INDICATING THAT THE LAO POPULATION MAY BE ONLY 2,900,000 THUS PUTTING THE ESTIMATE FOR THE MEO-YAO POPULATION AT 435,000.

2. THE YAO POPULATION IS MUCH SMALLER THAN THE MEO AND INASMUCH AS BOTH THE MEO AND THE YAO RAISE OPIUM, THE YAO POPULATION CAN LOGICALLY BE INCLUDED IN THE
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MEO POPULATION FIGURE FOR MS. GOUGH'S PURPOSES.

3. UNFDAC LOCAL DIRECTOR ARNAUD ESTIMATES THE MEO POPULATION TO BE 300,000.

4. BOTH THE EMBASSY'S FIGURE AND MR. ARNAUD'S FIGURE REFLECT THE DEPARTURE OF A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF THE

MEO POPULATION TO THAILAND (EMBASSY ESTIMATES 50,000
MEO FROM LAOS HAVE FLED TO THAILAND, BASED ON PARA 4,
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